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Hafeez Baba Nagar residents rue flood losses in Hyderabad

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HYDERABAD: “Not until I saw a 70-year-old lady beating her chest and crying in agony did the full force of the calamity hit me. Her entire life’s savings including her clothes got swept away in the current of the overflowing nala which is located just adjacent to the area,” said Mohammad Mateen, a resident of Nadeem colony in Hyderabad’s Old City.

Mateen, who was in Nanded to visit his relatives last week, returned home on Tuesday morning to people walking in knee deep sewage water and piles of garbage swept up by the flood waters.

A few kilometers away, in Baba Nagar’s B-block, an intermediate second year student Fatima Sultana, 17, said all her books, clothes and Rs 50,000 cash that her parents saved to get their four children educated washed away in the flood. “I couldn’t pass my intermediate exams in the first attempt, so I was planning on clearing the subjects by studying hard this time from the books that I had. But all my books are now destroyed, and we don’t have the money to buy them again,” she cried.

Fatima’s mother, Razia Sultana said that they had not receive any help from the authorities even when the family had to spend three days on the terrace after their entire house was submerged in water. “We had no time to collect our belongings. All our life’s savings including my children’s books, electronics and all our clothes got swept away,” she said.

Meanwhile, AIMIM MLA Kausar Mohiuddin who was visiting the rain affected colonies such as Baba Nagar, Virasat Nagar, Nadeem colony and Shatam Nagar said, “Majority of the families have been evacuated and shifted to safer places and the water level is also slowly receding.”